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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

February 28, 2018

Ms. Kathleen Rollings-McDonald Executive Officer San Bernardino LAFCO 1170 West 3rd Street, Unit 150 San Bernardino, California 92415-0490

Dear Ms. Rollings-McDonald:

On behalf of the City of San Bernardino (City) and the San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (Water Department), I would like to take this opportunity to express our full support for the proposed activation of East Valley Water District's (EVWD) Latent Authority to provide wastewater treatment services.

The City has been included in the development of EVWD's application, which provides for the careful steps needed to make this transition seamless for our communities. Along with the recent settlement agreement between the City, Water Department, EVWD and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District), the proposal that you have been provided is a win-win solution for us as neighbors and water partners. By activating EVWD's wastewater treatment services, LAFCO will be supporting our regional effort to develop regional recycled water as an alternative source of supply.

Through the cooperation of the City, our Water Department, Valley District, and EVWD, we have established a renewed level of cooperation and partnership. As leaders of public agencies, we overcame complex issues, which will result in two water supply projects that we can all support as a region. This is an important step in advancing the future construction and operation of recycled water facilities that will replenish our local groundwater supply.

For these reasons, the City of San Bernardino and San Bernardino Municipal Water Department urge LAFCO to approve EVWD's latent authority activation as part of a regional comprehensive solution to our region's water conservation and water supply sustainability efforts.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (909) 384-5122.

Sincerely,

CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO

Andrea M. Miller City Manager